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CENTRAL PLANNING STAFF

PLANNING DIRECTIVE NO. 37

SUBJECT: Visits of Inspection to SSU Stations

1. The Problem:

a. By memorandum of 13 May to the Director of Central Intelligence, the Acting Chief of Operational Services recommended a program of inspections to SSU stations in Europe and the Far East. Enclosed in his memorandum was a bound report of the operational and administrative control of the missions and stations maintained by SSU in those regions.

b. The Director of Central Intelligence had the above papers forwarded to the Planning Staff, under a Secretary, NIA, disposition form of 14 May, calling on the Planning Staff for comment as to the exact scope of the inspections to be made. Details are as follows:

(1) The disposition form of 14 May reported that the Director feels that inspection trips of the type described in the enclosure may be desirable in the near future. The enclosure's description shows that the objectives of the trips are:

- (a) An early survey of the principal components of SSU in order to appreciate better what should be the nature of the organization during the period of transition.
- (b) A study of the local problem in order to determine what contacts and what liaisons might be maintained advantageously in the future.

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(2) The disposition form of 14 May states that [REDACTED] analysis of the exact scope of each inspection will be transmitted to the Planning Staff when received by the Secretary, NIA.

(3) The only Planning Staff copies of the documents referred to above are enclosed under the original hereof for use of the Information Branch in preparing the necessary study. When Colonel Fortier's analysis is received, it also will be referred to the Information Branch.

2. Planning Requirements:

a. The Information Branch, assisted by the committee established by Planning Directive No. 18, will prepare, for signature of the Chief, Central Planning Staff, comments as to the exact scope of the inspections to be made.

b. The Secretary, NIA, points out that the Director does not desire recommendations as to whether the inspections should be made. The comments are to be based

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upon the assumption that the inspections will be made, and are to be limited to a discussion of the exact scope of inspections of the type defined in paragraphs 1b (1) (a) and (b), above.

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g. In preparing the comments, the Information Branch will consult with Colonel [redacted] regarding a theater G-2's interest in such inspections.

d. The draft of comments will be submitted to this office in duplicate, and an additional copy will be furnished the Policy and Review Branch.

e. After the review, the comments will be prepared in final form so as to return all enclosures to the Secretary, NIA, except one copy of the memorandum of 13 May which will be retained in the Information Branch.

3. Deadline:

The initial drafts will be submitted on the fourth working day after Colonel Fortier's analysis is furnished the Information Branch.

FOR THE ACTING CHIEF, CENTRAL PLANNING STAFF:

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Acting Deputy Chief, Central Planning Staff

Encl:

BF of 14 May from Sec, NIA, w/1 encl - Memo of 13 May from Actg Chief of Operational Services, and encl thereto: bound report. (Enclosed w/original only)

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